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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper  
Chairman, Committee on Environment & Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore-Capito  
Ranking Member, Committee on Environment & Public Works  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Moore-Capito:

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and our member companies—America’s investor-owned electric companies—support the nomination of the Honorable Joseph Goffman to be the next Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Office of Air and Radiation (OAR).

Mr. Goffman has a tremendous amount of experience in leading a team dedicated to protecting public health and the environment. He also has a strong commitment to public service and engaging with diverse stakeholders, including industry, as demonstrated by his decades of service in Congress and EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation.

EEI’s member companies are leaders on clean energy, and carbon emissions from the U.S. power sector are nearly 40 percent below 2005 levels. We are committed to getting the energy we provide as clean as we can as fast as we can, without compromising on the reliability and the affordability that our customers value. Upon his confirmation, we look forward to working with Mr. Goffman on clean energy, climate, environmental justice and just transition issues.

It is important to us that we lead on clean energy in a way that gives us all the options, including making sure that we maintain existing nuclear and that we are still able to use natural gas to help achieve our clean energy targets. Wind, solar, and energy storage can get us much of the way to a carbon-free future. Using an energy mix that includes nuclear and natural gas will help us get there faster and more reliably.

EEI and our member companies also are committed to working with Mr. Goffman and other leaders across the Biden Administration to build the critical energy grid infrastructure we need to deliver affordable, reliable, and resilient clean energy to our customers.

With the right policies and the right technologies, a 100 percent clean energy future can be more than a goal. It can be a reality for all Americans. Confirming Mr. Goffman as EPA’s Assistant Administrator of OAR is an important step forward, and we encourage you to act without delay.

Sincerely,

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